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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY BANGKOK
THAILAND JUL 20

QUOTE

BANGKOK 20505

SUBJECT:DEATH CASE: JOHN B. MURDOCH

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 18851, STATE 15611

1. I AM REPLYING TO YOUR JULY 9 LETTER INQUIRING ABOUT
YOUR SON'S DEATH AND ESTATE. AS WE INFORMED YOU IN OUR
JUNE 29 WIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WE HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION FROM THAI POLICE CON-
CERNING YOUR SON, JOHN MURDOCH'S, DEATH BY DROWNING AS THE
FACTS ARE ALSO UNKNOWN TO THE THAI AUTHORITIES.

2. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE OFFICIAL AUTOPSY REPORT ON
THE ANALYSIS OF HIS BLOOD AND STOMACH CONTENTS. UNFORTUNATELY,
IN THAILAND THESE REPORTS OFTEN TAKE TWO OR THREE MONTHS
TO REACH US.

3. THE INVENTORY OF YOUR SON'S EFFECTS IS UNDERWAY IN THE
CONSULAR SECTION. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED BY DR. DAVID
WYATT ABOUT BOOKS OR PAPERS YOUR SON MAY HAVE LEFT IN
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HIS CHARGE. ON JULY 20, UNDER SEPARATE COVER, WE HAVE MAILED TO

YOU AFFIDAVITS OF NEXT-OF-KIN. PLEASE RETURN THEM AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE SO THAT, WHEN THE INVENTORY HAS BEEN COMPLETED,
THE EFFECTS AND THE BALANCE OF FUNDS IN YOUR SON'S ACCOUNTS
CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE BON-
DOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF YOUR SON AND MY REGRETS FOR THE
ANGUISH THE DELAYS WE ARE ENCOUNTERING HERE HAVE CAUSED YOU.
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